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Jim Wells County 4-H Connection

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A Time to Renew

Howdy 4-H Families,

August was a fantastic 4-H month in Jim Wells County. We celebrated the accomplishments of the 4-H'ers for 2015-16 and immediately the next day kicked off 2016-17 with 4-H Enrollment Night. Thank you to each of the 4-H Clubs for having a tri-fold display and a game for enrollment night. I know the 4-H'ers and families had a great time and we set a great first impression. We followed up with an informational and educational Animal Clinic, as well as a very well received 4-H 101, attended by 8 different counties. We are already off to a good new 4-H year and we are barely 3 weeks in. We have great young leaders and adults in Jim Wells County that make all of these events happen, Teamwork is very evident!

Have a fantastic month. If you have any project questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Extension Office.

Sincerely,

Barbie Wymore
County Extension Agent—4-H
Jim Wells County

Thank you County Council President Erin Gallagher for this month's leadership quote of the month. I love it!!

Thank You

Special thank you to everyone that made the 4-H Enrollment Night, Animal Clinic, and 4-H 101 possible. If I try to name everyone then I know I will miss someone but please know that Rogelio and I truly appreciate all of the help and support we receive with all programs. Teamwork is the only way we can do all the great things we do in Jim Wells County both educational and fun.

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Fair Home Economics Entries Due

Rules and entry forms for the Home Economics Division at the Jim Wells County Fair are available for you to pick up at the County Extension Office or can be downloaded from the Jim Wells County Fair website. Entries may include: baked goods, photos, arts and crafts, etc. Entry forms and recipes on the appropriate form are due in the County Extension Office by Friday, September 9. Entries must be ready and complete when coming into the Extension Office. All entries are due by 4:30 p.m. Entries can be turned in prior to the 9th.

Many rules and classes have changed this year; therefore, pick-up a complete list of rules prior to completing your projects.

Heifer Validations for Major Livestock Shows

4-H and FFA Heifer Exhibitors who will be exhibiting at the major livestock shows, we need a count to order UIN's for the heifers by Friday, October 10. Validation fee will be \$10 and will be conducted on Monday, October 10th, from 4-6 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. You will need to bring your original papers with you for us to scan at validations to upload on the State Heifer Validation website. All heifers that will be shown at majors must be brought to validations. Please get all of your registration papers in process for the heifers now so that you will have them by the validation date of October 10th.

Jim Wells County 4-H T-Shirts

It is that time of year when all the clubs, including Jim Wells County 4-H, orders new t-shirts for the year. This year's t-shirts will be red and have this year's county 4-H theme "4-H... Unmask Your Opportunities" (Superhero theme). T-shirts are \$10 and must be ordered at the Extension Office. Deadline for ordering t-shirts will be Thursday, September 22. Adult and youth sizes will be available.



Jim Wells County 4-H Steak Dinner

During the September 4-H Club meetings, 4-H'ers will receive their 4-H steak dinner fundraising tickets. Tickets are \$15 each. Please work



hard at selling those tickets as this fundraiser helps to fund the entire Jim Wells County 4-H program fund. The steak dinner will still be held on the Thursday of the Fair and remember ALL of the steaks are cooked fresh on site, steaks are not pre-cooked. Steak dinners will continue to be with a 10 ounce steak, large baked potato, salad, bread, and tea. It is still the best meal at the fair by far and I would say at any fundraiser around. Tickets will need to be turned in to your club managers by October 10. Any unsold tickets, ticket stubs and money must be turned in by this date. Lost tickets or I washed my tickets must be paid for by the person signing out for the ticket. We all realize the economy is going thru a rough patch, but please keep in mind that we all need to eat :-)

Major Show Swine Validation Tags

If you will be exhibiting swine at the major livestock shows, the deadline to order state swine validation tags is September 21. Tags are \$13.00 each and must be pre-paid. Please remember the new policy for ordering tags. Tags ordered after the 23th will be \$35 each and no tags can be ordered after November 6. Projects that will be exhibiting as part of Jim Wells County 4-H, need to be ordered by the deadline thru the Extension Office and not individually thru Mr. Atzenhoffer to alleviate any confusions and to ensure that tags are paid for now and not at validation.

Consumer Decision Making

Good consumer skills can help you get the most for your money, as well as what you are needing for your money. Consumer Decision Making gives you the opportunity to make wise deci-



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sions when shopping. Consumer Decision Making is a judging contest designed to teach kids to observe, compare and make consumer based decisions based on facts. The official list of classes has not been released; however, should be out soon. The district contest is fast approaching, November 20. With the date right around the corner, the first practice will be held on Tuesday, September 27, at 5:30 p.m. All of the practices will be held at the Extension Office at 5:30.

4-H'ers interested in participating in the Consumer Decision Making Contest, please call the Extension Office by Monday, September 26.

One Day 4-H

Eight years ago the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program created a day of service for 4-H members across Texas. One Day 4-H has reached hundreds of thousands of Texas residents as well involved more than 125,000 4-H youth and volunteers in service projects during those years. Countless funds and resources have been raised and donated - enriching the lives of many Texans and instilling community pride and citizenship into the 4-H members.



This year, One Day 4-H will be held on Saturday, October 8. What will you do on One Day. Jim Wells County 4-H Council has decided to get together on Sunday, October 2, at 1:00 p.m. at the Alice Chamber of Commerce to work together on Brooke's Blossoms and write cards to kids with cancer to Kick Off National 4-H Week. No need to bring anything, just come, help, and participate.

On October 8, County Council is also planning on cooking lunch for local firefighters, being National Firefighter's Day and One Day 4-H.

Clubs and individuals can still get involved and do their own projects as well.

Once again, the event is being sponsored state-wide by TransCanada. Their sponsorship goes to help provide t-shirts for a minimum cost to the participants. This year the t-shirts feature a new logo and can be purchased through the Texas A&M AgriLife Bookstore (<http://www.agrilifebookstore.org> - in search box type "One Day"). All shirts are \$6.00 per shirt and shipping is free! In order to have all the t-shirts in the hands of the 4-H members/adults/groups by Saturday, October 1st when some projects will be occurring we have set the deadline for t-shirt orders as **September 9th**. So don't forget to order your t-shirts for One Day 4-H.

Jim Wells County 4-H Cupcake Wars

“Superhero...Unmask Your 4-H Opportunities”

Start thinking about those yummy and creative cupcakes for the 2016-17 Cupcake Wars for National 4-H Week. Cupcakes will be judged on flavor and creative decorating. The theme this year is “Superhero...Unmask Your 4-H Opportunity” Cupcakes will be due on Saturday, October 8th, at 9:30 a.m. at the Women’s Building. Results will be given following the judging and before delivering the community service project to Firefighters. No store bought cupcakes are allowed. 4-H’ers will turn in 4 cupcakes on a paper or plastic plate for judging and if they would like to donate the rest of the recipe for the One Day 4-H event that would be great. 1st and 2nd place awards in each age division will be awarded with a special People’s Choice Award. Adults are also encouraged to participate and enter, as well as the Team division which can be adults, 4-H’ers, or a combination of the 2. To enter, just email your name, grade level, and cupcake recipe to b-wymore@tamu.edu by Friday, September 30. This event is meant to be a fun event and this is a 4-H’ers project so adults please let the 4-H’ers do their thing but by all means please enter in the adult category if you would like to decorate some cupcakes.



If you have questions, please call or email me.

Annual 4-H Enrollment for 2016-17

We kick off the 2016-2017 4-H year on August 15 on 4-H Connect even though I realize most 4-H clubs will have met by then. However, this is the magical date that 4-H Connect changes over to the new year. The website address again is: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/4hconnect/index.html> All 4-H’ers and leaders will need to re-enroll in 4-H at this time as the enrollment status, will no longer state “Active” but go to “Inactive.” You will need to login to your account and update your profile information. If a family is new and has not created a 4-H family profile, they must complete one. When registering, 4-H’ers will be required to pay a \$20 membership fee and this fee will be paid online on 4-H Connect. The fee must be paid by credit card.

The only way that we will have a record of a youth being a 4-H member in Jim Wells County is by the completion of the enrollment process on-line. **Enrollments need to be completed by September 16 for those showing in the Fair.** If a youth is not enrolled, we can not check grades or eligibility; therefore, can not show as a 4-H member. The September 16 deadline includes all 4-H’ers showing livestock projects and those participating in the Queen’s Contest.

Jim Wells County 4-H parents or adults who serve as leaders or club managers must also enroll at this time. Also, any adult who has interaction with 4-H’ers, including checking 4-H’ers projects, coaching 4-H youth or providing assistance with the club or project they must enroll as a 4-H leader and go thru the 4-H background screening. Adults will pay a \$10 fee and this will be used for volunteer screening.

4-H’ers who are just entering the 3rd grade this school year, will need to wait to enroll on 4-H Connect until September 1 as this is technically the official start date of the new year. If youth do not wait until September 1, 4-H Connect calculates their birthdate and grade wrong for showing purposes.

Remember, even if you signed up to join in May or June, you must re-enroll in August.



Jim Wells County 4-H Food Show and Food Challenge

The Jim Wells County 4-H Food Show and Food Challenge will be held this month. Food Challenge will be held on Wednesday, September 21, and Food Show will be held on Saturday, September 24. Clover Kids are welcome to participate in Food Show and Food Challenge.

Recipes for the food show need to be focused on "Family Tradition" theme according to the 2017 State 4-H Food Show Guidelines. So think about those family recipes.

The categories will be based on My Plate: protein, fruits and vegetables, grains, and dairy. All food categories may use oven time this year. Many foods can be entered into more than one category; therefore, participants should consult the website www.choosemyplate.gov when selecting a recipe category.

For the County Food Show, 4-H'ers will fill out an entry form and submit a recipe. The entry fee for Food Show is \$6. Food Show categories are: Protein, Fruits and Vegetables, Dairy, and Grains. 4-H'ers make their dish and are judged by a panel of judges on their knowledge of their dish, other nutritional knowledge, and how they prepared their dish.

The County Food Challenge allows teams of 3-5 4-H'ers to be creative in making a dish using a set of given ingredients in a 40 minute time frame. 4-H'ers must then give a team presentation on the dish created, cost analysis, nutrients, and food safety. One entry form with all team members will be completed for a Food Challenge team and the team must be complete with no changes once it is turned in to the Extension Office. The entry fee is \$8 per person on the team. Age divisions for food challenge are: junior/intermediate, 3rd grade to 8th grade and senior, 9th grade to 12th grade. Teams who would like to check out the Food Challenge Boxes to practice, please contact the County Extension Office.

There will be a Food Show and Food Challenge Workshop on Saturday, September 10, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Home Economics at the Fairgrounds. If you plan on attending, you need to RSVP by Thursday to the Extension Office. At the workshop, we will focus on food show and food challenge, give examples, do a little cooking demonstration, food challenge practice, as well as mock interviews for both.

The Food Show and Food Challenge entry deadline is **Monday, September 12.** An entry form is enclosed in the newsletter. There is a \$6 registration fee per Food Show entry and a \$8 per person Food Challenge Entry fee. Recipes for Food Show need to be emailed to jim-wells-tx@tamu.edu. **Recipes must be turned in or emailed by the September 12th deadline or the entry will be returned and the 4-H'er will not be allowed to compete.** The Food Challenge Entry form must be signed by all members before it will be accepted as a completed entry.



4-H Enrollment Clarification of Membership for 2016-17

There is clarification or rule/guideline changes for 2016-17 Texas 4-H from Dr. Chris Boleman on 4-H membership. A 4-H member is required to be a member in the county for which they reside or in an adjacent county where they attend school. The "attend school" portion was added because so many youth live in a county but they are zoned to a school outside the county.

Another way of saying it is below:

If a 4-H member does not meet one of the following criteria, they must submit a transfer application form:

- 1) Live or reside in the county which they are joining
- 2) Attend school in the county which they are joining

In saying that, please keep in mind that transfers can only be to adjacent counties. If this rule/guideline applies to your family, you must fill out a transfer application form to be a 4-H member in the county they are going to be a member of if a 4-H member does not meet one of the two criteria. If a family needs a transfer form, please contact the County Extension Office.

4-H Polo Shirts

Throughout the year, 4-H'ers participate in various different projects and one of the things I am always asked is "what do we wear?" To help with this question, I am ordering 4-H embroidered polos and 4-H'ers and parents/leaders are welcome to order. I am ordering 4 different colors so 4-H'ers can pick their color and sizes are both youth and adult (ladies and mens) sizes. The polos will be \$22 each and the colors are: dark forest green, red, royal blue, and graphite gray. I will be taking orders thru Wednesday, October 5. Polos will need to be prepaid. The shirts will be youth sizes and adult sizes will be either mens or ladies.

Congratulations Outstanding 4-H Award Winners

A Big Green and White Congratulations to the Outstanding Award winners presented at the 2015-16 4-H Awards Banquet.

- *Avery Mata, Premont Cactus 4-H, Outstanding Junior Award
- *Adam Tijerina, Premont Cactus 4-H, Bronze Star Award
- *Emily Kalinec, Premont Cactus 4-H, "I Dare You" Award
- *Makayla Rodriguez, Premont Cactus 4-H, Outstanding Intermediate Award
- *Mikayla Hesseltine, Orange Grove Country Kids 4-H, Silver Star Award
- *Rachel Gallagher, Orange Grove Country Kids 4-H, Silver Star Award
- *Ryan Lopez, Premont Cactus 4-H, Outstanding Senior Award
- *Kendall Karasek, Jim Wells County 4-H Horse Club, Outstanding Senior Award
- *Elise Hesseltine, Orange Grove Country Kids 4-H, Gold Star Award
- *Kyleigh Carr, Orange Grove Country Kids 4-H, Gold Star Award
- *Erin Gallagher, Orange Grove Country Kids, Hall of Fame Award
- *Ashlyn Hesseltine, Orange Grove Country Kids, Hall of Fame Award
- *David Gebert, Orange Grove Country Kids 4-H, Rising Star Award
- *Dr. Mike Moore, Friend of 4-H Award
- *Tammy Martinez, Homero and Clem Contreras "Helping Hands" Award

National 4-H Week
October 2-8

Jim Wells County 4-H Food Show

Entry Form

Entry Deadline—Including registration fee(\$6) and recipe is due by September 12th at 5:00 p.m.

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

4-H Club: _____

Name of Recipe: _____ (Recipe must be attached and emailed in the body of an email, no photos of recipes)

Recipes should be emailed to jim-wells-tx@tamu.edu by September 21

Category (Select One):

- Protein
- Fruits & Vegetables
- Grains
- Dairy

Age Division (Select One):

- Pre 4-H (Grades K-2)
- Junior (Grades 3-5)
- Intermediate (Grades 6-8)
- Senior (Grades 9-12)

_____ This entry is complete with entry form, registration fee, and recipe.

(Signature of 4-H'er or Parent)

Jim Wells County 4-H Food Challenge

Team Entry Form

Entry Deadline—September 12th at 5:00 p.m.

Entry Fee is \$8 per person

Team Name: _____

Team Member #1: _____ Grade Level: _____

Team Member #2: _____ Grade Level: _____

Team Member #3: _____ Grade Level: _____

Team Member #4: _____ Grade Level: _____

Team Member #5: _____ Grade Level: _____

We acknowledge that once entry is turned into the County Extension Office, no changes can be made to the entry, even in the case of ineligibility due to grades. Our team is complete and these are the team members and team name for our team.

Signature—Team Member #1: _____

Signature—Team Member #2: _____

Signature—Team Member #3: _____

Signature—Team Member #4: _____

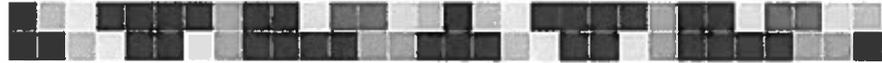
Signature—Team Member #5: _____

(Only one entry form per team and teams must have 3– 5 team members. Form must be signed by all members prior to turning it in to the Extension Office, no forms will be signed in the Extension Office)



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Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Program



Coach's Certification Workshop

September 24-25, 2016 – Edinburg, Texas

The Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Program has scheduled a workshop just for **YOU**. Volunteers with an interest in working with youth to help them develop personal responsibility and other life skills can become trained and certified coaches within the Texas 4-H Shooting Sports program by attending this workshop. In addition to teaching valuable life skills, coaches work with youth to teach good marksmanship, the safe and responsible use of firearms, conservation ethics, and more.

The workshop is conducted by nationally certified instructors and provides in-depth training on working with youth through the shooting sports program. Coaches can become certified in Archery, Shotgun, Pistol, or Rifle. *Participate as: Adult Coach (21 yrs ↑, Asst. Coach (18-20yrs), Youth Asst. Coach (14-18yrs). Restrictions apply.*

For more information about other workshops, calendar of events and other information about 4-H Shooting Sports in Texas, visit the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program online at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/shootingsports>

Registration: Opens – Sep. 1 and Closes Sep. 15 (call for late registration)

Registration Fee: Candidates \$150 per person

**Location: Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service – Edinburg, Texas
410 N. 13th Avenue, Edinburg, Texas 78540**

Registration fees cover program costs, training materials, some meals, shirt, and certification credentials.

Contact:

Mr. Luis Saldaña, Extension Program Specialist – 4-H Youth Development, District 12 Office, Workshop Site Coordinator (956-968-5581) L-saldana@tamu.edu

Register on 4-H Connect

<http://texas.4honline.com>

in order to register, you must be a Registered/Screened/Approved 4-H Volunteer on 4-H Connect. Contact your county Extension agent for assistance.

If you need any type of accommodation to participate in this program or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact Luis Saldaña at 956-968-5581 by September 15th

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